Newsletter for July 31, 2016

From Kathy and Bob Estep, Swinging Stars Presidents:

We still need to wrap up our Round Up ticket sales. You have sold\purchased over 500 tickets. That is outstanding. We still have 250 to go so please pick yours up at the next Club dance if you have not done so already. Half of the money raised from the sale of the tickets remains with our Club so this is a great fund raiser for the Club. It's also a great way to let others know about square dancing. Please remember to let folks know if they cannot go on this cruise date, they can choose any cruise of equal or less value that Carnival has. This means you can sell out of state when you go on vacation, they can leave from another port, it doesn't have to be Galveston as long as it's Carnival. Also you can always say if you don't cruise, you can win \$300.00! What a deal!

Start thinking about Sept. Lessons: Our next set of beginner lessons will start in September. We need every member to start working on new students NOW! Time to start wearing your T-Shirts again. At the next dance I will have some business cards that you can pick up to hand out when asked about lessons.

Read all the way to the end of the Newsletter as the "Important Dates" are starting to get filled in for the year.

Kathy and Bob

Happening This Week

Wednesday, August 3 – Plus 4's, Charles Quisenberry Friday, August 5 – Kissin Kuzzins, Wayne Baldwin and J.L. Pelton, Crazy Hat Dance Saturday, August 6 – Official Visit – Solitaires 34th Anniversary, Bobby Willis and JL Pelton, **Wear Purple**

Announcements

Please note that Swinging Stars will be back in our normal home location starting in August. We are using the Summer Dress Code for June, July and August.

General Club Meeting: August 28, 2016, 3:00 PM. Austin Grill, 935 W. Parker Rd #410, Plano TX 75023.

Lorraine Burson: Received a note from Dave tonight saying that Lorraine is doing well. She thanks everyone for their thoughts and prayers. She is currently in a Rehab facility in Richardson, TX.

2nd VP Report – 31 July 2016 Jim & Knarik Bondi

SPECIAL "HEADS UP"

Reservations for Chaparral's 21st "Evening in Paris" Texas – Fri 02 Sep – Sat 03 Sep

If you'll be attending this great event, get your completed reservation form and accompanying \$80 check for a couple (payable to "Chaparral Paris Weekend") submitted ASAP (as early registration ends 15 Aug). Preferably, give your form with check to Jim & Knarik Bondi who'll group and mail it with other Swinging Stars reservations. If you mail it directly yourself, PLEASE MAKE JIM & KNARIK AWARE THAT YOU'VE REGISTERED. Why? By ensuring that all of our club's registrations get counted as a group, we may qualify for a \$50 - \$100 rebate for our treasury – a valuable boost to our bank account! You can hand over or communicate your registration to Bondis (or any club officer) at any visitation dance listed on our July calendar, at our next SS dance on 8/12/2016, or you can contact:

Jim & Knarik Bondi 4317 Brady Drive Plano, TX 75024 email: j.bondi@ieee.org cell: 214-226-5922 .

Thank you for your cooperation!

RECENT ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING

Anniversary Square + Round Dance

Friday 29 July – Texas Reelers – 41st Anniversary -- "High School Prom Night"

26 Swinging Stars partied with our friends, the Texas Reelers, at their 41st Anniversary Dance in Richardson, TX, Friday evening. The joint was jumpin' and packed with 220+ attendees. On rounds, club cuer, Chris Farabaugh, did a masterful job of cuing all evening that fully engaged dancers with offerings from many rhythms and phases, including several requests from the floor. On squares, club caller, Deborah Carroll-Jones, along with guest caller, Brad Caldwell, and sometimes Deborah's hubby, Jon Jones, kept square dancers on their toes with a wide array of interesting Mainstream, one great Plus tip, and, of course, some great singing calls that often showcased Deborah's now renowned crooning talent. What a great treat for the crowd. On the nourishment front, the Reelers provided a great salad supper featuring a myriad of great salads and desserts with which dancers could "refuel." A huge Thank You to these Swinging Stars who attended: P. Amy, Bondis, Esteps, Evantos, Feldmans, Hamms, Harrises, Jimisons, Kilejians, Pharrs, Pitts, Sees, Smith/Hardin, and C. Wolfe. With this great turnout, we recaptured our banner and captured our hosts as wells. Go Stars! The club that knows how to visit.

Double Deal Square + Round Dance

Saturday 30 July - Triangle Squares - "Schmidtzfest"

17 Swinging Stars journeyed to Denton, TX, Saturday night to temporarily reunite with all of our Schmidtz family cousins at the Triangle Squares annual "Schmidtzfest" dance/party. Calling duties were shared by the great North Texas trio of Deborah Carroll-Jones and Jon Jones as guests plus club caller Toby Thomason, with Toby also cueing rounds for the evening. As always, Schmidtzfest afforded attendees a great family reunion experience along with terrific square and round dancing entertainment, including a good Plus tip, some great singing call duets & trios, and even a little yodeling consistent with this year's German theme. And, on rounds, Toby entertained all comers with a broad array of 2-steps and waltzes. When not dancing, attendees enjoyed a wide array of German-style nourishment including sausages, sauerkraut, numerous salads, and several desserts. Many thanks to these Swinging Stars for attended the family reunion: P. Amy, Bondis, Colters, Esteps, Evantos, Kerns, Perrotts, Pitts, and Sees.

RECENT ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Miscellaneous Dancing Reports

If you're a Swinging Star wanting to submit a SHORT report on a unique dancing visit that otherwise would not get covered here, please submit it to 2ndvp@swingingstars.org no later than mid Sunday afternoon for inclusion here in that night's newsletter. Try to include the names of fellow Swinging Stars who attended with you plus a few salient details (such as club, location, caller, cuer).

BANNER REPORT

We currently hold 13 banners captured from other clubs. On the flip side, other clubs currently hold 1 Swinging Stars banners captured from us. Overall banner status is detailed below. Remember, if you visit a club whose banner we already hold, please do not accept another of their banners.

Other Club Banners Held by Us

Club	Date Captured
Texas Reelers	07-29-2016
Rebel Rousers	16-Jul-2016
Triangle Square	15-Jul-2016
Kissin Kuzzins	01-Jul-2016
Lone Star Solos	23-Jun-2016
Log Cabin Swingers	07-May-2016
Roadrunners	30-Apr-2016
Cotton Pickin Squares	23-Apr-2016
Solitaires	02-Apr-2016
Tri-City Promenaders	26-Mar-2016
Dixie Chainers	28-Mar-2015
Diamond Jubileers	14-Mar-2015
T Square Gadabouts	20-Feb-2015

Swinging Stars Banners Held at Other Clubs

Club	Date Captured
Trail Blazers	24-Jun-2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- CLUB-RECOMMENDED DANCING

Official Visit - Square + Round Anniversary Dance

Saturday 06 August - Solitaires - Anniversary Dance -- "Happy Anniversary"

Caller: Bobby Willis Cuer: J.L. Pelton Early Rounds: 7:00 Grand March: 7:45

Dress: Swinging Stars Purple

Garland Senior Center ← Note: Special location for 600 Avenue A, Garland, TX 75040 ← Anniversary Dance

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- DANCING/TRAINING OF INTEREST

"A" Dance + All-Plus Dance

Wednesday 03 August - Plus 4s

Caller: Charles Quisenberry
"A" Dance: 6:15 – 7:30

Plus Dance: 7:30

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch, TX

"A" Dance

Thursday 04 August - Model As

Caller: Wayne Baldwin
"A": 7:00
Churchill Way Center
6906 Churchill Way (at Hillcrest), Dallas, TX

Square + Round Dance

Friday 05 August - Kissin Kuzzins - "Crazy Hat Dance"

Caller: Wayne Baldwin Cuer: J.L. Pelton

Early Rounds: 7:00, Grand March 8:00

Garland Senior Center

600 Avenue A, Garland, TX 75040

UPCOMING ACTIVITY -- OTHER

Ladies Luncheon

Wednesday 17 August, 11:30 AM – Bonnie Ruth's Bistro

Attention Swinging Star Ladies – come join us! We are so very grateful to Mary Hardin for volunteering to host the luncheon once again. For August, she has chosen BONNIE RUTH'S BISTRO, located at 916 Garden Park Drive in Watters Crossing in Allen near the corner of Bethany and 75. Please reply to Mary Hardin by August 16th mrhardin39@gmail.com or 972-517-8691 or 214-632-4230 to let her know how many will be attending. You can check out their lunch menu at Error! Hyperlink reference not valid. This is really a fun place to have lunch with the Swinging Stars Ladies, not only because of the fellowship and great food but also because of all the shopping you can do in the beautiful Watters Crossing center. Hope to see you all there!

Refreshments Duty and Information

August 12, 2016 See, Gifford, Rose, Ross

August 26, 2016 Loxsom, Pitts, Jung, Stuart

September 9: Colter, Feldman, Sherman, Bivins

September 23: Evanto, Covington, Kern, Peggy Amy

October 14: Lee, Bergesen, Schweers, Kilejian, Jimison, Hamm (Double Deal Dance)

October 28: Closed due to NORTEX Cavalcade

Please do not purchase any staple items (plates, cups, napkins, forks, etc, etc.) without first checking with the 1st Vice Presidents [Russ and Ann Nejdl] to see if they are already in inventory.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team

Important dates for the next year (you should have these on your calendar!):

October 14, 2016 – Swinging Stars DD Dance – Probably an Oktoberfest theme since the end of the month is Round-UP. Details still being worked out.

October 28 - 30, 2016 – Callers Cavalcade and NORTEX Oktoberfest (Round-UP)

December 2, 2016 – Swinging Stars Holiday Party at Haggard Party Barn.

March 31, 2017 – Swinging Stars Anniversary Dance

September 22, 2017 – Swinging Stars DD Dance (Something Special)

Check out and Like our Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/278689705592854

For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page www.swingingstars.org and click on Weekends.

Remember our Sunshine person is Lucy Hamm, and you can email her at <u>llhamm45@gmail.com</u> or phone her at 214-872-7219. Please contact her with anything that we need to be aware of in regards to sickness or other issues.

Kathy & Bob Estep

Swinging Stars Presidents

Email: president@swingingstars.org

Phone: 972-618-3640



We will be accepting Donations of School Supplies for the Shepard Elementary School. Supplies Requested: Kleenex Boxes, Glue Sticks, Crayons, Markers, Sandwich Bags, Blunt Scissors and Post-it Notes

In Addition To Our Back To School Dance We Are Having An Introduction to Square Dancing Dance



Bring your Friends, Family and Neighbors.

Dance is free to everyone interested in learning to square dance

Friday, August 12, 2016

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Cuer: Walter Brewer

Casual Attire

Intro to Sq. Dancing 7:00

Plus Dancing 7:45

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after the last tip

FUN FOOD FELLOWSHIP BANNERS HONEY POT

Shepard Elementary 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano, Tx. 72.9 h Dancers under the age of 18 dance for free with paying adults

For info: 972-618-3640 or President@swingingstars.org Visit our Web Site: swingingstars.org

Swinging Stars



Friday September 23, 2016

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Cuer Walter Brewer



Early Rounds 7:00

Plus Squares 7:45

Grand March 8:00

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